

July 26, 2013

Dear Col. Denise Lind,

On the night of July 25th I posted inappropriate messages on twitter relating to a hotel where I believed participants in the court martial of The United States v. Pfc. Bradley Manning were lodging. What I did was highly unprofessional. I am extremely embarrassed by my conduct and very sorry for my lapse of judgment.

This was the biggest mistake I've ever made in my life. I am deeply ashamed of this error. I deeply regret making this information known to the public. It was never my intention to cause any harm, intimidation, or confrontation; but I realize now how the message could be perceived in that manner.

My brother proudly served in the Army in Iraq in 2003 and 2004. I would be very upset if someone ever did this to him. Over the past couple years I have received over a dozen anonymous death threats related to my support of WikiLeaks and Bradley Manning, and I live every day fully understanding that intimidation, no matter how abstract, should never be taken lightly.

This afternoon, I deleted the tweets and I have refrained from sharing any details with the public and the press about what has happened.

Since December of 2011, I have been drawing the court martial proceedings, and I have been a proud member of the credentialed media since March of 2012 - attending nearly everyday. (b) (7) (b) (7)(C) During (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) where I earn less than \$10,000 per year. This (b) (7)(C) the proceedings has been a dream-come true.

I beg you for your forgiveness. I cannot express enough how embarrassed and humbled I am by this lapse in judgment. I know in past years many famous people have made similar lapse in judgments on social media, and this situation has opened my eyes to my error, my lapse, and my wrongdoing.

I was informed that there are no specific rules, but that I was being removed at the decision of the Court. I understand this and know that I am in no position to ask for a second chance. Your Honor, I respect your Court, I respect your need for security and for decorum.

If you would reconsider this decision and allow me to return to Ft. Meade, to the media operations center but not the actual courtroom, I would be forever grateful. I would, of course, be on my best behavior both while at Ft. Meade and during my time off the base.

I am also writing a letter of apology that I hope to be able to send to those who I may have been affected by my tweet. My sincerest apologies to you and everyone involved in this most important proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: LetterofApology.pdf

Ma'am,

I wanted to inform the Court that I received the attached letter from (b) (7) (C). He also informed me that he sent this letter through PAO for you. After reading his letter, I believe that he deeply regrets his acts and would not repeat them. In light of this letter, I think the Court should consider allowing (b) (7) (C) to return to either the media center or the courtroom.

v/r
David

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